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PERM REP MALINGA, DEC. 15

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1. IN REFTTEL AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN SUGGESTED WE REWARD
SWAZILAND FOR ITS COOPERATION IN THE UN, ESPECIALLY ON
KOREA, BY RESPONDING TO PERM REP MALINGA'S FRANK REQUEST
FOR ASSISTANCE IN TWO FIELDS: HELPING THEM WITH THEIR
UNIVERSITY PROBLEM AND HELPING TO ATTRACT U.S. INVESTMENT
TO SWAZILAND. THE DEPARTMENT SHARES AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S
BELIEF THAT WE SHOULD ASSIST SWAZILAND FOR THEIR SUPPORT
ON THE KOREAN ISSUE; HOWEVER, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PROB-
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LEMS IN FINDING THE APPROPRIATE FORM.

2. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE PROBLEM OF UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, AND SWAZILAND (UBLS) IS ONE OF DIFFERENCES AMONG THE THREE GOVERNMENTS OVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF UBLS. DIFFERENCES REACHED CRISIS POINT WHEN LESOTHO, WHICH ALSO SUPPORTED OUR POSITION ON KOREAN RESOLUTIONS, NATIONALIZED THE UBLS CAMPUS ON ITS SOIL. RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR SOME FORM OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION, MINISTERS OF EDUCATION OF THE THREE COUNTRIES MET IN

ADDIS ABABA, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ECA, ON 18 NOVEMBER TO SEEK A JOINT SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THEIR STUDENTS. THE MINISTERS RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRIES TO SEEK THEIR GOVERNMENTS' APPROVAL OF A NINE-POINT PLAN OF COOPERATION DRAWN UP BY THE ECA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. THE USG, AS WELL AS THE OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY OF GREAT BRITAIN, HAS THUS FAR TAKEN A POSITION OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT OF SEPARATE NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES IN THE BLS STATES AND OF ENCOURAGEMENT OF COOPERATION AMONG BLS. WE HOPE THE THREE GOVERNMENTS WILL JOINTLY AGREE TO A SETTLEMENT OF THEIR UNIVERSITY PROBLEMS, WHICH WILL THEN ENABLE THE USG TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR REGIONAL ASSISTANCE. EVEN THEN, ANY SUBSTANTIVE ASSISTANCE FROM AID MUST MEET PROGRAMMING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW PROJECT SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL IF OSARAC SO RECOMMENDS. UNTIL THE THREE COUNTRIES AGREE TO COOPERATE IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR AMBASSADOR BOLEN TO DISCUSS ASSISTANCE FOR SWAZILAND WITH THEIR MINISTER OF EDUCATION, BUT EMBASSY SHOULD BEGIN TO PLAN FOR SUCH A CONTINGENCY.

3. IN THE AREA OF U.S. INVESTMENT, THE EMBASSY, STATE, AND COMMERCE ARE ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING U.S. INVESTMENT IN SWAZILAND. DURING THE LAST MONTH, AF/S HAS INFORMED INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS OF SWAZI PLANS TO CONSTRUCT MORE TOURIST HOTELS. THE EMBASSY HAS INFORMED THE GOS OF BENEFITS FROM NEW GSP TO SWAZI SUGAR EXPORTS TO U. S. THE JOHANNESBURG REP OF HALLIBURTON, A HOUSTON, TEXAS, BASED FIRM, RECENTLY VISITED SWAZILAND TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE INTEREST OF HIS COMPANY IN EXPLOITING SWAZILAND BARITE
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DEPOSITS. OPIC HAS CONTACTED A U.S. COMPANY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE MANUFACTURE OF TINKABI TRACTORS IN SWAZILAND.

4. IF ADDITIONAL SELF-HELP FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, THE EMBASSY COULD BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO REQUESTS FOR SELF-HELP PROJECTS, AS A METHOD OF THANKING SWAZILAND FOR ITS SUPPORT AT THE UN. WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO OBTAIN FUNDS

AND MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO SWAZILAND.

5. SWAZILAND'S SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITIONS IN THE UN IS AND
WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISIONS
AFFECTING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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